

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number

0605-M523

Case Title:

Southwest Rice Mill

Reporting Office:

Baton Rouge, LA, Resident Office

Subject of Report:

Meeting with Emergency Response personnel - June 1, 2011

Activity Date:

June 1, 2011

Reporting Official and Date:

██████████ RAC

29-JUN-2011, Signed by: ██████████ RAC

Approving Official and Date:

██████████ SAC

29-JUN-2011, Approved by: ██████████ SAC

SYNOPSIS

The Baton Rouge Resident Office is conducting an investigation into suspected violations of the Clean Water Act resulting from the discharge of oil into Bayou Blanc, a water of the United States.

On June 1, 2011, Resident Agent in Charge (Acting) ██████████ and Investigator ██████████ (Louisiana State Police) traveled to Crowley, LA to meet with emergency response personnel regarding the initial response to the spill.

DETAILS

On June 1, 2011, Resident Agent in Charge (Acting) ██████████ and Investigator ██████████ (Louisiana State Police) traveled to Crowley, LA and met with ██████████ (EPA Federal On Scene Coordinator), ██████████ (Weston Solutions Engineer); and ██████████ (Triad Response Group) at the command post set up near Mill Road adjacent to the origination of the oil spill.

██████████ advised investigators ██████████ had received conflicting information from ██████████, owner of Southwest Rice Mill, regarding the chain of events leading to the oil being discharged from an abandoned storage tank near the Southwest Rice Mill property. ██████████ said ██████████ was no longer on site and had not seen ██████████ since the previous day.

██████████ and ██████████ provided investigators with a tour of the affected area. Upon returning to the command post, investigators met with ██████████, who was overseeing the actual remediation of the affected areas.

Investigation is continuing.